

# 47 KNOWN DEAD IN STORM, LIST GROWING; DAMAGE ENORMOUS

as between Hart's Island and Half Moon Beach. Three of us, including Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Moss, managed to cling to the upset canoe and were rescued by a lighter. But Bucklin drifted out with the tide."

The 50-foot sloop yacht *Viking* capsized in Larchmont Harbor. Three women were caught in the cabin of the yacht. To rescue them it was necessary for the crew to swim to shore, get axes and steam out to the yacht in a launch and cut a hole in the hull. The women were uninjured.

The Sound shore of Westchester was in darkness last night. Officials of electric light companies say it will take a week to repair the damage done in a few minutes.

Carl Vollmer, twenty-two, of Pennfield Road, Bronx, was reported missing to the police by his mother, Bella, to-day. He went canoeing off City Island yesterday and has not returned. It is believed he was drowned.

Death came not only by drowning. Some were killed by falling trees; others were struck by lightning and others were electrocuted by a live wire from a power line. The catastrophe was made worse by the cutting off of communication when telephone wires were broken. Most of those who were killed and injured were from their homes.

## RAILROADS WASHED OUT AND TRAINS STALLED

Up-State there are reports of railroads washed out; highways blocked by fallen trees and gutted by torrents. The City of New York is five feet under water for an hour. Syracuse reports a loss of \$1,000,000.

Scores of the 5,000 trees recently planted in Central Park were uprooted. Seven persons were killed and thirty-five injured when a Ferris wheel at Clason Point Park in the Bronx was torn apart and blown into Long Island Sound. A man was killed by a live wire in Newark. A live wire from the brick chimney of Red Lion Inn on the Boston Post Road, killing a mother and daughter at a table.

Motor cars were abandoned in many parts of the metropolitan district by their owners in seeking safety. One woman left her car near Hackensack only to be killed by a falling tree, and a similar fate overtook a man near Piping Rock. L. I. A condemned tree in Mount Vernon fell on a woman and child, killing both. These are but a few of the accidents, hundreds of them of a minor nature.

The storm swept up from Pennsylvania through New Jersey and New York, the wind at times having a velocity of 85 miles an hour. Before passing out to sea it split into three distinct but short disturbances. It was the second storm of the day which did the most damage, the first being mild.

Many who saw the approach of the storm, which lasted only about fifteen minutes, said it resembled a Kansas "twister."

Valentine Fendrich, chief of the Fire Alarm Telegraph Bureau, sent out every man in his department to repair storm damage. Fifteen lines were broken in Brooklyn, ten in the Bronx and five in Queens. Comparatively little damage was done in Manhattan, where the wires are all underground.

Mr. Fendrich said that the overhead wire system in other boroughs was at the mercy of a storm such as that of yesterday and that he had the experience to emphasize his recommendation that the wires in Brooklyn, Queens, Bronx and Richmond be put under ground as rapidly as possible.

Credit for reducing the total of casualties was given by the police to-day to the management of the City Island Bathing House, which, by using the black clouds approaching called in the hundreds of bathers from the water and when the first fierce gust of wind broke all the pleasure-seekers were safely under shelter.

Among the 20,000 holiday makers about the island were the regular summer colony, week-end campers and many visitors. The storm descended suddenly at 5:45. Bathers and others on the beach escaped easily, but few of the boats could reach shore. Just how many persons were picked up from the water by life-savers and members of nearby boat clubs never will be known.

## MOST OF THE VICTIMS IN SKIFFS AND CANOES

The known casualties were mostly off Execution Light, six miles out of City Island; Red Lion Inn, three miles out, and an island a mile north, in waters known as fishing grounds. Most of the overturned boats were skiffs and canoes, many containing women and children. Those who added in keeping down fatalities after the first blast were crews of the two children of the United States Volunteer Life Saving Corps on City Island and Hunter's Island, and the members of the City Island, Metropolitan, Stuyvesant, Morrisania and Oak Point yacht and boat clubs. In many cases the girls and young men were dragged from the water by the experienced water men just as they were about to succumb.

The police boat John F. Hyland and other boats of the Marine Division played powerful searchlights on the water all night, but early to-day no further bodies had been recovered. The police were waiting for the tide to turn when it was expected other bodies would be washed ashore, but they continued grappling.

City Island at 4 A. M. was still in darkness and the telephone wires were still down, not even the Fire Department there having a connection.

## THE DEAD.

PETGOLD, MARY, fifty-two, No. 2416 Levers Street.  
KAPLAN, BEATRICE, thirteen, No. 246 Pacific Street, Brooklyn.  
KOHLE, AGNES, three, No. 236 West 11th Street.  
ZIEGLER, JACOB, twenty-four, No. 317 West 14th Street.  
BIGOFF, MARION, No. 1473 Seabury Place, the Bronx.  
ZIMET, JULIA, twenty-six, a sten-

ographer, No. 845 Whitlock Avenue.  
FARLEY, PATRICK, thirty-eight, No. 100 Conover Street.  
RUSKIN, MOE, twenty-three, No. 290 Miller Avenue, Brooklyn.  
LONDON, MORRIS, twenty-one, No. 734 East 148th Street, the Bronx.  
REITER, ISIDOR, nineteen, No. 21 Charles Street.  
KREINING, JOHN, thirty, No. 2416 Levers Street, Bronx.  
KEINING, GEORGE, two and a half years.  
POFFENDORF, ALFRED, six months.  
DEXLER, SADIE, nineteen, No. 456 East 14th St., Bronx.  
STROKER, JAMES, No. 32 Union Avenue, New Rochelle.  
GRATTINO, JOHN, No. 334 East 106th Street.  
GUIDE, SALVATOR, No. 1537 First Avenue.

Unidentified men in yachting apparel washed ashore at Larchmont Yacht Club.  
There were many heartrending scenes as friends and relatives of the drowned identified them. So many men, women and children became hysterical that it was necessary for the police to remove them to other parts of the island and keep them under the guard of relatives. The missing were equally distressed.

The wind, which struck Pelham Bay at 5:45 and blew until 6 o'clock with the fury of a hurricane, left in its wake a scene of desolation. Trees were uprooted, buildings were unroofed, windows were shattered and telephone and electric light wires were blown down.

This resulted in the severing of all communication with the island. As a consequence, news of the tragedy did not become generally known outside until three hours after its occurrence. The island police were handicapped, as they could not summon ambulances or aid except by crossing the bridge leading to the mainland by motor.

Leut. Reilly went over about 9 o'clock and flashed word to Police Headquarters. In the meantime yacht clubs in the vicinity and crews of the life saving stations started the work of rescue in motor boats. They were joined when darkness fell by the police boat John F. Hyland, which cruised about, throwing its searchlights over the waters.

Scores of amateur fishermen, men, women and children, were rescued, clinging to the keels of their overturned boats. Others had been carried close enough in to wade ashore. Many of the boats were without occupants.

There is no way of knowing just how many were drowned until several days have elapsed," said Leut. Reilly. "Many of the people who come here on Sundays to swim or sail are from Manhattan, Brooklyn and New Jersey towns. We shall have to wait until we check up with families who report missing persons who left home with the intention of coming here to spend the day."

ALL NIGHT HUNT FOR BODIES OF VICTIMS.  
One of a party on a yacht owned by Tom Conrad, a song writer, told last night of the rescue of three men from a swamped motor boat on the Sound. The hull was so thick it could not be pulled up. At the distance of several miles, he said, the boat was seen. They went back and pulled them out of the water.

The waters of the Sound were dotted with overturned boats, hats and articles of clothing, he said, for a distance of several miles. At the Stuyvesant Yacht Club on City Island, members saw that a catastrophe had happened. They jumped into boats and joined the rescue work.

All night hundreds of persons, knowing that members of their families had gone to City Island for the day, went there by automobile or in any other way possible. They lined the street in front of the police station asking information of relatives and friends, and when there was no information passed down to the foot of the line to ask again later.

The search by the police caused additional excitement among the crowds. Patrolmen laden with hats, coats, shoes and articles of clothing came to the police station. The crowd grew larger every minute and the work of tabulating the articles was handicapped by the fact that the desk Lieutenants and Sergeants pressed into service had to work by the light of candles, oil lamps and lanterns.

Mrs. Petgold and aged Kohler, three years old, two of the identified dead, were in the rowboat with six other persons who were rescued. The storm caught this party in Pelham Bay. The boat overturned almost immediately and all were thrown into the water.

Mrs. Petgold, who tried to save the child, sank at once, and the others of the party, including Mrs. Katherine Kohler, the child's mother, managed to keep afloat. Mrs. Kohler was saved by members of the Stuyvesant Yacht Club. Albert and Edward O'Brien, P. E. Ackler of the Hunter's Island life-saving station rescued Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Thesendorf of No. 338 East 115th Street, Miss Anna Burrall and another person whose name was not obtained.

FOUR MEN MISSING FROM LAUNCH IN THE SOUND.  
A 23-foot glass cabin launch drifted into the boat of the Clason Point Yacht Club, Clason Point, New York. It was missing for three days. A man who reported the missing of the launch said he had seen the boat earlier in the day with four men on it, but no trace of the men was found when the launch drifted in.

The police of Greenwich, Conn., today notified Detective Sgt. Wiesner, of the Missing Bureau, at Police Headquarters, that Gladys Redinger, twenty-four years old, of No. 802 East 116th Street, had been taken to a hospital in Greenwich last night after being rescued from Long Island Sound. John Anderson, of No. 4138 Diner Avenue, the Bronx, who the police say, was the rescued girl's fiancé, was drowned.

William Taylor, nineteen years old, of No. 2068 Crotona Avenue, the Bronx, who aided in rescuing ten or fifteen persons thrown into the Sound from rowboats off City Island, was taken from his home early this morning to Fordham Hospital suffering from submersion. Taylor assisted in the work of rescue until he became exhausted and had to be rescued himself. After being attended he was taken to his home in an automobile, and after telling his family of the horrors he had witnessed and saying nothing of the heroic part he himself had played in the rescue work, the young man collapsed and died.

According to reports received at Police Headquarters Anderson and the young woman were canoeing on the Sound and were caught in the storm. The canoe was overturned and its occupants thrown into the water. Anderson swam while his fiancée clung to the canoe and helped her cling to it.

The yacht "Counless," owned by J. B. Dunbough, of No. 177 Summit Avenue, Mount Vernon, passed nearby and went to the rescue. Miss Redinger was reached in time and lifted into the yacht. Anderson, his strength exhausted in holding his fiancée against the side of the canoe, lost his hold on the boat and sank beneath the water before rescuers could reach him.

## MOTHER AND CHILD ARE KILLED DINING IN RED LION INN

Falling Chimney Crushes Roof Which Plunges in on Their Table.

### HUSBAND JUST ESCAPES.

Wrona Had Just Left Wife and Daughter to Fix Auto.

In the Red Lion Inn, on the Boston Post Road between Larchmont and Mamaroneck, diners sat at a dozen tables last evening and watched the approaching storm in a large one-story extension adjoining the main structure. They congratulated themselves on reaching a safe haven before the squall broke.

At a table near the big fireplace were Abraham Wrona, of No. 95 India Street, Brooklyn, his wife and their daughter, Rosalind, seven years old. Wrona rose and hurried out to the garage to fasten down the storm curtains on his car.

Near the Wrona table C. J. Watson of New Haven, Conn., sat at another with his little boy, six years old. This child was fascinated by the heavy swaying of a big ash tree near the window.

"Look, daddy! Look at that tree bend," he excitedly told his father. None in the dining room saw or guessed what happened the next moment. The wind, that grew in strength, blew the big tree down. It fell against the brick chimney of Red Lion Inn. The chimney, tons of brick and mortar, crumbled into an avalanche which toppled on the light timbers and sheathing of the dining room roof.

It went through as if the roof were paper. And nearly all of the mass descended upon Mrs. Wrona and her little girl.

Both were killed. Not a word of warning heralded this disaster except the shout of the little Watson boy. "The tree is falling. Look out, daddy!" he cried and dived under the table. His father threw himself outspread on the table to protect his son. Only the edge of the debris grazed him slightly and he escaped with a scalp. His son escaped unhurt.

Wrona dashed back from his car, accompanied by E. M. Barnett of No. 352 Amsterdam Avenue. A great heap of bricks covered the place where Wrona had left his wife and little girl. He and Barnett dug at the mound and unearthed the two bodies. Mrs. Wrona was dead, killed instantly by the mass which had crushed her head and chest. The child still breathed. Some one with a swift motor car picked up Wrona and the child, racing with them to the office of Dr. Philip Ernest, a district physician, in Larchmont Village.

Rosalind Wrona died as the surgeon examined her. No one else was hurt in the dining room. The lacerations received by Watson were trifling.

## DYNAMITE TRAIN IN MEXICO; KILL 11

Bandits Loot Wreck of 60,000 Gold Pesos—Escape to the Mountains.

NOGALES, Ariz., June 12.—Mexican bandits dynamited a train on the Mexican Southern Railway to-day near Tomellin, Puebla. Killing five members of the military escort and wounding several others, and looting the wreck of 60,000 pesos in Mexican gold, according to reports reaching here to-day.

A passenger train coming from the opposite direction was held up at the wreckage and plundered, six members of the guard being killed.

Mounted bandits, under the leadership of Juan Ramirez, Reyes Gil and Lorenzo Alvarez, took part in the attack. It was stated. The bandit band, the loot on pack mules, escaped to the mountains.

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## Live Wires and Falling Trees Claim Many Victims in Storm; Devastation Is Widespread

Late Reports From All Sections of Metropolitan District Add to the Death List.—Property Damage Incalculable.

Reports to-day increased the list of dead and the property loss in the metropolitan district from yesterday's storm. It will be hours before the complete list of victims can be compiled.

Carolyn Denhardt, eighteen years old, of No. 728 Elton Avenue, the Bronx, was in a canoe at the foot of Layton Avenue, Long Island Sound, when the boat was overturned and she was drowned.

The body of an unidentified man, about twenty-six years old, clad in a blue woolen bathing suit, was found by the harbor police early to-day off 150th Street in the Harlem. It is believed he was out in a canoe which capsized during the storm and the police think it likely others with him were also drowned.

The police reported early to-day that Lloyd Fox, seven years old, a Negro, of No. 2137 Madison Avenue, was drowned in the Harlem off 154th Street during the storm. His body was not recovered.

In front of the home of Mrs. Conzett Passalao, No. 262 West Sixth Street, Mount Vernon, a great tree stood. It had been condemned by Mount Vernon police as decayed. They could not do anything except report on its condition to the New York City police, because the tree was just across the border line of Mount Vernon and the Bronx. Nothing was done to remove it.

## MOTHER AND CHILD KILLED AS TREE FALLS.

While Mrs. Passalao stood at the door yesterday watching the storm and holding her baby Anthony, aged ten months, in her arms, the tree was blown down. It fell on mother and child and killed both of them.

While the navy eagle boat No. 53 was racing to the rescue of canoeists whose craft had been capsized off Fort Washington Point, West 153rd Street, in the Hudson, Carl Puccio of No. 98 Sixteenth Street, Brooklyn, a member of the crew and attached to the Second Naval Battalion, was lost overboard. He was drowned before he could be picked up. Leut. Seeger, commanding, reported his death to the harbor police.

William Sussman, thirteen, No. 244 West 112th Street, was drowned in the Hudson off Dyckman Street when the canoe in which he and his brother Benjamin were paddling was swamped by the storm. Benjamin was rescued. Miss Caroline Denhart, eighteen, No. 728 Elton Avenue, the Bronx, was drowned when a canoe in which she and others were paddling on the Sound off Lincoln Avenue, Bronx, was upset by the squall. Her body was recovered.

Monroe Ruskin, thrown into the Sound off City Island when the canoe in which were also Mr. and Mrs. J. Moss, No. 58 East 145th Street, and B. Slevin, No. 1330 43d Street, Brooklyn, was overturned, became exhausted before rescuers who saved the others reached the canoe. He was drowned.

## LIVE WIRE DOWN, KILLS MAN IN NEWARK.

Live wires were blown down in many parts of Newark. N. J., and Chester Kraft, two, saw one of them in front of his parents' home, No. 108 Tyler street, after the storm. Kilian was taking the child for a walk, and when Chester dashed toward the wire Kilian leaped to stop him, touched the live wire and was killed instantly. Mrs. Kilian, looking from a window, saw more than 500 trees were blown down in the Oranges. In Kearney ten streets were blocked by fallen trees.

Mrs. W. H. Cannon, No. 515 Grand Avenue, Leonia, N. J., was driving her automobile through Harrington Park, eight miles from Hackensack, trying to find shelter before the storm broke last evening. In the car were her daughters Margaret and Elizabeth.

In the Strallenberg Road a big oak tree was blown over by the squall which was advancing guard of the storm. It fell directly on the hurrying car and killed its driver outright. The girl passengers escaped their mother's fate, but were imprisoned with her body in the wreck of the automobile.

They were so discovered by other automobilists. Several large branches of the tree had to be sawed off before the body of Mrs. Cannon could be extricated. It was taken to Leonia. Brought down by the high wind during the storm late yesterday afternoon, a tree crashed on top of an automobile in the Brookville Road, near the Piping Rock Club at Piping Rock, Valley, L. I., and killed one of the occupants. Three others were injured.

Harry Halleran, twenty-seven, the driver of Oyster Bay, was killed. William Horan of East Norwich, L. I.; Timothy Kelleher of Oyster Bay, and the father-in-law of the three, Joseph Mann, were taken to the Nassau Hospital at Mineola, suffering from internal injuries.

Miss Edda Smith, seventeen, of Linden Avenue, Ossining, walking with a companion along the reservoir on the Pleasantville Road, when overtaken by the storm, started to run. She slipped and fell into the reservoir and was drowned. The body was recovered.

Three boys were drowned near Paterson while bathing in the Passaic River. One of the drownings was near the High Bridge in West Paterson and the other two near Singon. Ernest Joseph Schmidt, fifteen, of No. 214 Hamburg Avenue, was the first victim.

## BIG FERRIS WHEEL IS TORN APART IN STORM; 7 DEAD, 35 INJURED

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East 147th Street.  
VANDERPOOL, 'DELLA, Negroes, thirty, No. 42 West 130th Street.  
White woman, thirty-five, not identified.

## THE INJURED.

ALDERIDGE, DAVID L., forty-eight, No. 1020 Olmstead Avenue, Bronx, fractured skull.  
HERBERT, WILLIAM, forty, No. 260 West 143d Street; internally injured.  
HERBERT, MRS. WILLIAM, thirty-eight, No. 260 West 143d Street; internally injured.  
LAWYER, HAZEL, forty, No. 122 West 111th Street; lacerations of scalp.

LAWYER, KENNETH, eleven, No. 122 West 111th Street; fractured skull, concussion of brain.  
MILLER, MARY, twenty-two, No. 13 West 134th Street; internal injuries.  
MILWESKI, ANNA, twenty-six, No. 2018 Park Avenue; internally injured.

MOLINEAUX, ELSIE, twenty-two, No. 42 West 130th Street; internally injured.

The tragedy occurred without warning. The sky, which had been clear, with a blinding sun, suddenly became overcast. A light rain began falling.

The shower became a torrential downpour. The breeze became a hurricane. Its velocity was estimated at from 60 to 100 miles an hour. The wheel crumpled like an egg shell. The electrician did not have time to turn off the power. The wheel was still revolving when the upper half sailed off and into the water.

Screams and moans of the injured replaced the gay shouts of the merry-makers. The park became a mad pen.

The chaos was intensified by the semi-twilight that enveloped the park during the storm. There were about 2,000 persons in the park, and they battled with one another to reach the exits.

A semblance of order was restored first by park officials. After trying to telephone for ambulances and police, and finding that the storm had rendered the telephone system inoperative, the park officials, who were in command, ordered the removal of the injured from the wreckage. Several priests from the newly opened Catholic Church at Clason Point administered the last rites to those thought to be dying.

Two hundred persons, waiting all the day shift at the Bronx Police Station, arrived in a short time. They established lines and aided in the rescue work. Ambulances from various stations removed the victims to Lincoln and Fordham Hospitals.

Paul Simon, forty-nine, who gave his address as Clason Point Park, Clason Point, the Bronx, owner and operator of the Ferris wheel, was arrested by Detective Joseph Wey of the Simpson Street Station on a charge of homicide. The arrest was ordered by Assistant District Attorney Quigley.

According to Simon, the wheel was erected ten years ago and was purchased by him five years ago. He had no knowledge of the conditions, and expressed his belief that the structure had been struck by lightning, causing it to collapse.

Simon was paroled in the custody of his counsel when arraigned in Morrisania Police Court to-day.

## NEW ENGLAND STORM DAMAGE \$1,000,000

Circus Animals Terrorized as Tempest Sweeps Over Tent.

BOSTON, June 12.—Storm damages in Boston and New England yesterday may amount to \$1,000,000. One man, G. H. Spaulding of Brockton, was killed at Scituate by a falling tree.

Out of a main rain the tempest came, and for 10 minutes the city experienced a downpour, the darkness of night in mid-afternoon, a wind of 40 miles an hour, hail stones as big as eggs and golf balls, heavy thunder, lightning that set fire to buildings, and water spouts that raced across the bay.

A cottage at King Cove, North Weymouth, was picked up by the storm and carried one hundred feet.

At Pittsfield, a garage, automobile and James Perry, driver, were carried 200 feet. At the height of the storm the Hurling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus, the tents of which had just been erected, was thrown into turmoil by the roars of the animals.

## LABOR DISCONTENT SHOWN IN REPORT; AGAINST HARDING

Also Resents Supreme Court, Congress, Legislatures and Rail Labor Board.

CINCINNATI, June 12 (Associated Press).—The "open shop," unemployment, wage reductions, recognition of Soviet Russia, the One Big Union, court decisions and injunctions affecting labor and other subjects formed the major issues that confronted the American Federation of Labor when it opened its two weeks' convention to-day.

Addressing the convention, Mr. Gompers said that organized labor was "not in a mood to have constitutional rights and privileges taken from us by any subtle reasoning or assumption of power, no matter where it emanates." Labor demands, he asserted, employers meet in conference for settlement of disputes, but he said genuine conference was impossible unless both sides meet on equality.

Asserting that labor was confronted by foes, Mr. Gompers added that "we do not becloud our minds now and fool ourselves into any fancied security."

Discussing the Disarmament Conference, Mr. Gompers said that "not much had been accomplished with so much that needs to be done, but he added that a beginning had been made toward ending war. Organized labor throughout the world, he concluded, has made "the greatest contribution toward limiting armament."

Discontent with and resentment against President Harding and his Administration, the Supreme Court, the Congress, various State Legislatures, the Railroad Labor Board and employers in general were the features of the report of the Executive Council. The council advises the A. F. of L. to take an active part in politics in a non-partisan way in order to put in office men favorable to the cause of organized labor.

Despite the industrial depression of the year and extraordinary unrest in the industrial world, the council reported growth and progress for the year. The report blames the mine owners and operators for the strike of the Mine Workers Union, which is called "cessation of work." Referring to a charge that the employers and their organizations have, in the past year, flagrantly violated agreements with labor the report said:

"We know of no similar period of time in which there have been so many violations of contract on the part of great organizations of employers. We submit that it is a vital essential that there be a return to the old policy of 'good will' and 'solidarity' in industry, a return to the old policy of morality which will restore the pledges of men to their true and proper meaning. If it is impossible to have faith in pledges given, then the entire industrial structure will be undermined."

## PROTESTS AGAINST CHILD LABOR LAW DECISION.

The Executive Council protested "most emphatically against such unjust and inhuman decisions," as that of the Supreme Court holding that child labor is not interstate commerce in the United States. Congress, "by this decision, must keep its hands off when the health and life and well being of the Nation's children are concerned," the report asserted, adding that the "Supreme Court of to-day is far more legalistic and less humane in its attitude and temperament than was the Supreme Court of 1918."

The council described its renewal of non-partisan political campaign organizing in advance of the fall elections. The campaign effort will be to focus votes behind a programme of "opposition to compulsory labor law and to 'open shop' functions and contempt proceedings as substitute for trial by jury," the council said.

President Harding was accused of having contemplated "a system of industrial laws similar to those which prevail in Kansas" when in his message to Congress he declared that "in the case of labor organizations we might well apply similar and equally well-defined principles of regulation and supervision, as he had just previously recommended for corporations" in order to conserve the public's interests as affected by their operations.

"It is hardly believed possible," the reports add, "that the President intended to further a policy which will deny American workers the right to cease working collectively and to determine for themselves the conditions under which they will give service. Yet the language used leaves little room for a different conclusion."

## RAIL LABOR BOARD DEALT WITH IN REPORT.

"Decisions of the Railroad Labor Board have given satisfaction neither to the workers or the management," the report remarked. "They have tended toward a more general demoralization of morale of mechanical forces. Each Cummins law, through the board, has practically destroyed the concept of voluntary agreements between employers and workers and the subject of compensation for services has become a constant source of litigation and irritation. The report said organized labor scored victories against organized companies.

## FRANCE TO SPEED UP ARMS TREATIES

Poincare Anxious to Pass On Washington Agreements Before Vacation.

PARIS, June 12 (Associated Press).—Bills ratifying the accord reached at the Washington Armaments Conference are now in committee in the Chamber of Deputies and probably will be reported at an early date.

Pressure on other matters has delayed action thus far, but Premier Poincare is anxious that they come up for consideration by the full chamber before the summer vacation. The Government will accordingly press for prompt consideration of the measures in committee.

In official circles, no obstacle to ratification of the Poincare accord is anticipated, but a reservation in the Root resolution probably will demand that if submarines be prohibited from attacking merchantment the latter must be prohibited from arming against submarines.

## HARA ASSASSIN GETS INDEFINITE SENTENCE

Nakakoa, Korean Youth, Punished for Stabbing Premier.

TOKYO, June 12 (Associated Press).—Imprisonment for an indefinite period was the sentence imposed to-day on Ryutoku Nakakoa, the Korean lad of nineteen, who assassinated Premier Takahagi in a railway station here last Nov. 4.

Nakakoa slipped through the guards of the station platform and stabbed the Premier. He was quoted as saying he objected to the liberal policies of Premier Hara.

for the establishment of the so-called open shop.

"Chambers of commerce throughout the country, with certain notable exceptions, have lent themselves to disreputable propaganda," the report stated.

Banks have lent assistance to business organizations "to compel employers who desired to deal fairly with the trade unions to alter their course," the report further asserted. In this connection it was suggested that the boycott was available.

A period of declining prices having set in, the theory of "cost of living" is taken as an argument for wage increases. The report said, Studies initiated for development of a new formula were described and a tentative proposal advanced in the statement that the rule should be "cost of living plus 10 per cent."

"In every industry and gainful occupation a wage based upon human needs and aspirations."

The administration of E. Mont Reilly as Governor of Porto Rico was indorsed in a report submitted by Santiago Iglesias, President of the Free Federation of Workers of Porto Rico.

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